

## LIFE &amp; TIMES

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## On Post

## Scholarships

The Hunter Army Airfield Thrift Shop and officer's spouses club offer several college scholarships for the 2004-2005 year. Recipients must be Army family members and sponsor must be stationed at Hunter or Fort Stewart. Dependents of retirees may also apply. Deadline for all materials is April 9. Applications are available at the Education Center, ACS, the Thrift Shop or local colleges and high schools. For more information call Sherrie Lewis at 352-0376.

## EXPRESS lunch

Express lunch is now served at the Hunter Club and Club Stewart Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Prices range from \$4.75 to \$6.50.

## Join Toastmasters!

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home-parent, or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your leadership and communication skills. The dogfaced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets at noon every second and fourth Friday of the month at Club Stewart. Open to everyone.

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Jay Bowen at 767-0383, or email [bowenja@stewart.army.mil](mailto:bowenja@stewart.army.mil), or call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903.

## Volunteers needed

The ACS volunteer coordinator and the installation volunteer coordinator have information about a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in the ACS center and at other agencies at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Volunteer orientation at Hunter ACS is the first Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome and needed at ACS.

For more information, call 352-6816.

## Easter Brunch

Club Stewart will hold an Easter Brunch April 11. Seatings are available at 10:30 a.m., noon, and 1:30 p.m.

Children can get photos taken with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled at each seating. Cost is \$11.95 for adults, children 9 through 12 eat half off and those under 8 eat free.

Get \$1 off when you bring in 20 friends or a church bulletin.

Call 386-2212 for reservations.

## Off Post

## MILES Program

Don't buy a vehicle until you are armed with knowledge. This program is designed exclusively for active duty servicemembers who cannot obtain bank or credit financing when purchasing a vehicle.

For information visit or qualify online at [usmiles.com](http://usmiles.com) or call the Military Installment Loan and Education Services Assistance Center toll free at (866)-466-4537.

To publish a brief in The Frontline, call 767-3440 or fax us at 767-5979. Deadline for briefs is Friday at noon.

# AER campaign kicks off

## Soldiers take care of each other by donating funds

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**

Staff Writer

The annual Army Emergency Relief fundraising campaign kicked off at the Army Community Services buildings at Hunter Army Airfield and Fort Stewart March 11.

"We need to try to raise as much as we can," said Col. John Kidd, Stewart garrison commander. "This is our own internal welfare system. In order to provide assistance we need to be able to take care of each other."

Kidd was the first to give a contribution to the AER campaign.

"While Soldiers are deployed or even here at home, they can always depend on AER loans to carry them through times of financial trouble," said Frederick

C. Sledge, AER officer. "AER is an interest free loan. So many things can go wrong in life, and the money is here to help. Say your transmission goes out in your vehicle, or you are deployed and your family comes across an emergency. We can provide loans or grants to buy the families food or other items to keep them fed and pay the rent or bills."

According to Sledge, many Soldiers rush off post to get payday loans with very high interest rates and end up in the hole or not being able to pay back the loans.

"We have a lot of problems with Soldiers filing bankruptcy," Sledge said. "AER loans are a good, even preferred alternative to payday loans."

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Spc. Jimmy D. Lane, Jr.

**Col. John Kidd, Stewart garrison commander, asks Soldiers to give generously to the AER fund during the kickoff ceremony at the ACS building March 11. Kidd was the first to contribute here.**



Pfc. Ricardo Branch

**Ken Darnell, a professional snake handler for a company that uses venom for medical research, milks a rattlesnake during the Claxton Annual Rattlesnake Roundup at the Claxton parade grounds snake demonstration booth Saturday.**

# Claxton milks rattlers at Roundup

**Pfc. Ricardo Branch**

Staff Writer

Thousands of people crowded the streets of Claxton Saturday for the 37th Annual Rattlesnake Roundup.

The events began Saturday morning with a parade with Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) assistant division commander (support), and Soldiers from the 3rd Inf. Div. color guard carrying the national, Army and garrison colors, as well as the 3rd Inf. Div.

Band going down the main street of Claxton.

"The parade was wonderful, and I was moved to see so many people saluting the flag and removing hats to pay their respect to the flag as it passed by," Riojas said.

He added, "This important thing today though, is the effort of the local community to reduce the population of rattlesnakes and make the environment safer for people of the community."

Following the parade, snake hunters from Claxton went into the surrounding

forests to hunt the numerous rattlesnakes found there.

After the hunt, the activities moved to the Claxton parade grounds where catured rattlesnakes where on display, bands performed and the Rattlesnake Beauty Queen, Sara Stanfield was crowned.

The event that drew the largest crowd was the live demonstration with the snakes. Dozens of captured rattlesnakes were removed one by one from boxes to be

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# Stewart youth offered creative outlet

**Pfc. Emily J. Danial**

Staff Writer

As many parents know, children of preschool age tend to need constant activity in order to keep from getting bored and wreaking havoc on each other and their surroundings.

As a way for Fort Stewart tots to express their creativity in non-destructive ways, Army Community Service offers a preschool arts and crafts program.

"The kids get a level of social skills, they learn how to get along with each other," said Monica Mitchell, who has taught Stewart preschoolers arts and crafts for almost a year. "They're really enjoying it."

The weekly program is held at ACS every Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., and the children involved range in age from one-and-a-half to about four years old.



Pfc.Emily J. Danial

**Martha Baier helps her 2-year-old daughter Hannah color a bumblebee at the preschool arts and crafts program in the Fort Stewart ACS building March 3.**

Parents are encouraged to accompany their children and be a part of the hour's activities with them.

"The parents enjoy it as much as the kids do," Mitchell said. "Young

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**Sam Payson, 3, colors a picture of a leprechaun.**



# RATTLESNAKE

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weighed. The snake hunter who brought in the biggest snake won the roundup's contest.

After the snake was weighed, it was placed in a pen to wait to be milked by snake handler Ken Darnell. Darnell works for a company that uses the venom for medical research and to produce antivenom for snakebites.

"We milk the snakes for medicines," Darnell said. "The venom can be used in medical research for blood pressure and anti-clotting medicines."

The roundup began in 1967 after a child was repeatedly bitten by an eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake. Following the incident a group of Evans County residents gathered to learn what could be done to prevent future tragedies involving poisonous snakes.

The Evans County Wildlife Club was born as a result and now sponsors the roundup each year.

"It's more of a duty than a hobby. I knew the first person, a child by the name of David Wiggins, who got bit pretty bad," said Mike Todd of the Evans County Wildlife Club.

"The rattlesnake roundup was created because lots of people were getting hurt by snakes and we wanted to let our children to be able to walk in the forests and be safe, Todd said.

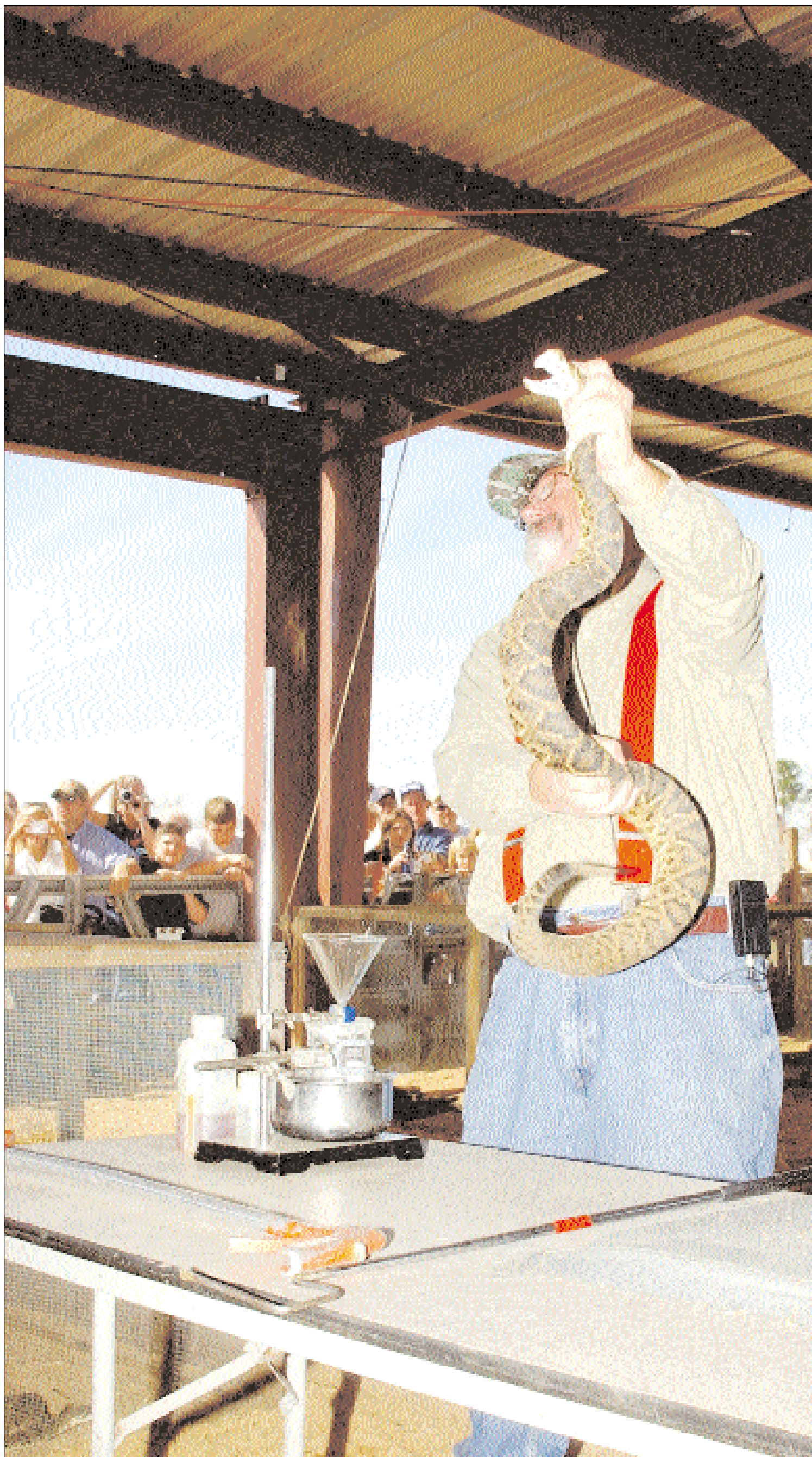
"This event is truly remarkable in that it gets people together and lets us educate them about snakes and what to do if they come across (a snake) in the wild," Todd said.

"Since the first annual roundup, the event gets bigger and better. People from all over the country come to Claxton for two days and leave with a better understanding of the creatures in the wild," he added.

Each year visitors get a safe look at 150 to 500 snakes brought in by the snake hunters for the roundup. The main purpose is to educate people not eradicate the snakes.



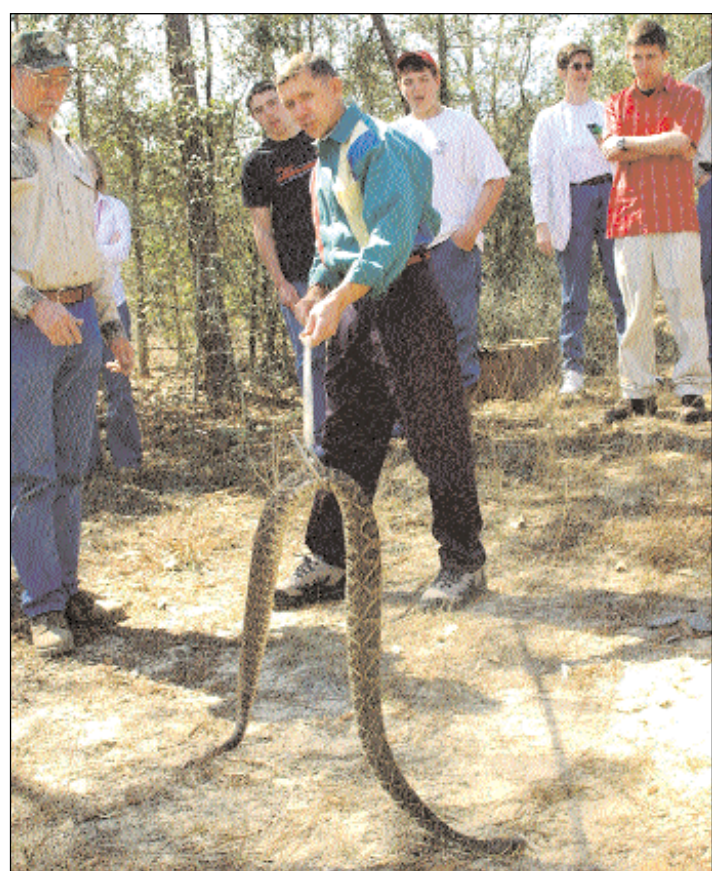
Soldiers from the 3rd Inf. Div. color guard lead the way during the 37th Annual Rattlesnake Roundup parade early Saturday morning.



Ken Darnell wrestles with a large rattlesnake that doesn't want to be milked at the Claxton Rattlesnake Roundup demonstration booth. Ken handled all the rattlesnakes that were caught during the roundup.



The 3rd Inf. Div. Band provides marching music for the people during the Claxton Rattlesnake Roundup Parade. The parade also featured motorcycles and floats from various local organizations sponsoring the event.



Brig. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, assistant division commander (Support) handles a captured rattlesnake under the watchful eyes of Mike Todd, a professional snake hunter, outside of Claxton.



# CRAFTS

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“Young mothers, especially, like to interact, to be involved with their children.”

Although it is advertised as an arts and crafts group, children are given the opportunity to do much more than color and paste things — interactive songs and stories are mixed in with more hands-on activities offered in the program.

In preparation for the St. Patrick’s Day holiday right around the corner, the children’s project March 2 was in the shape of a leprechaun, which they could adorn any way they chose.

Sam Payson, 3, said coloring was the part of the class he liked best, and it appeared that many of the approximately 20 children in attendance appeared to share his feelings, judging from the wide array of colors that adorned their individual leprechauns.

Molly Warren, Payson’s mother, said she has been bringing her son to the program since December.

“We moved here from Maine, and he didn’t really

have any other kids to play with,” she said. “This was a good way for him to make friends and meet other people.”

Mitchell, whose own daughter, 23-month-old Miracle, participates in the group, said she usually has about 30 children in her charge on Wednesday mornings, and she tries to get to know each of them.

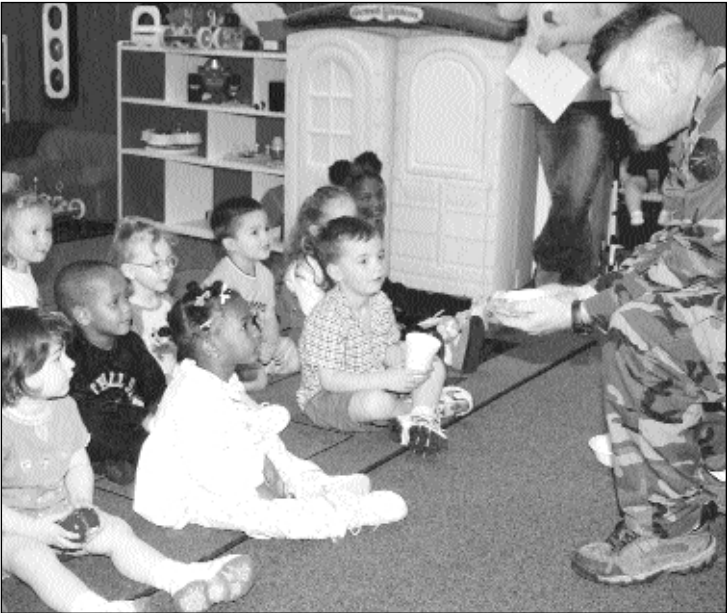
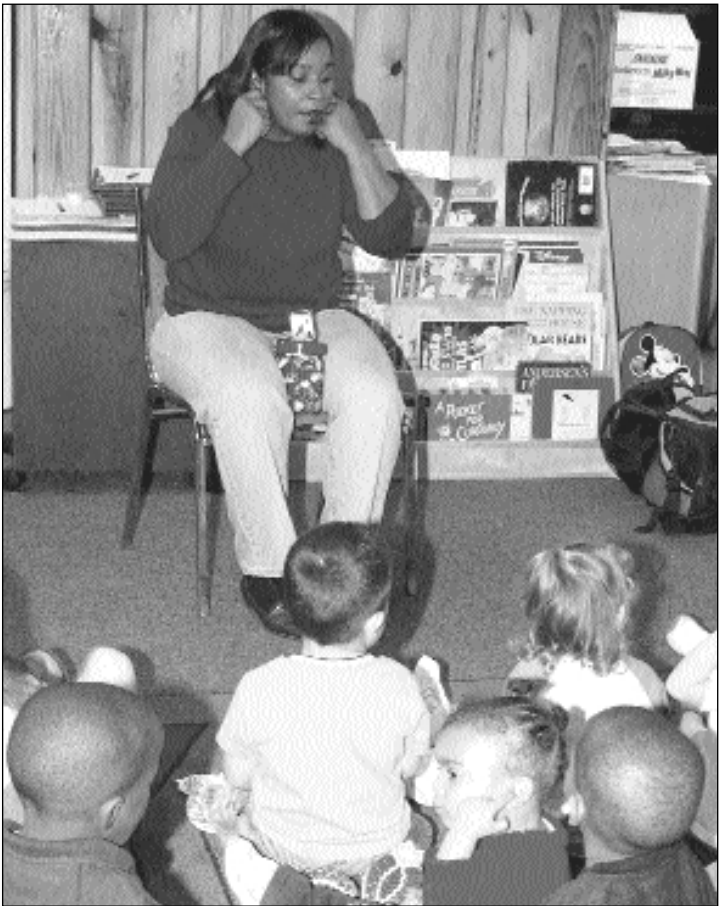
“When you work with a child, and you see a child grow, it’s the best enjoyment,” she said. “Once they come into this room, they bloom.”

Mitchell said she gets as much out of the program as the children do, although, of course, in a different way.

“Making a difference in a child’s life is good medicine for the soul,” she said.

“The program has room for growth,” Mitchell added. “The parents love it ... it’s good for them and good for the kids.”

For more information about the preschool arts and crafts program, call ACS at 767-5058.



Photos By Pfc. Emily J. Daniel

(Above) Children in the Fort Stewart preschool arts and crafts program listen as Sgt. Rob Breland, 3220th Garrison Support Unit, tells them the story of Goldilocks and the three bears at ACS March 3.

(Left) Monica Mitchell, preschool arts and crafts teacher, instructs children to put on their "listening ears" at the arts and crafts program in the Fort Stewart ACS building March 3.

Win with the Frontline. To place an ad, call 876-0156

# AER

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Kidd said Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) commanding general, stressed the importance of giving to AER.

“The CG told me to make sure, especially because of deployments coming up, make sure that the resources are available for AER,” Kidd explained. “I urge you to be vigilant in getting out these donation forms. I realize this is an extra duty, but it is a very important task. The window for donations is only open from the first of March through the 15th of May.

“Some people don’t realize how much Soldiers are helped by AER loans. Last year we had \$2.5 million in assets given out to Soldiers just at Stewart and Hunter. More than 6,000 Soldiers received loans and grants from AER.”

Some Soldiers came to the meeting with donations already in hand.

“Soldiers were very favorable in donating,” said Maj. Karl Strellner, S-1 officer for 1st Brigade. “Most of them gave a lot more than I expected. We collected more than \$3,000 from just one company.”

“Last year, so many Soldiers gave generously,” Sledge said. “I remember one young man, a specialist, gave \$300 right before he deployed. That is the kind of spirit we are looking for this year.”

Soldiers wishing to donate to AER may contact their commanders or company first sergeants, according to Sledge.

“It’s so important for us to give to AER,” said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Mitchell, AER campaign coordinator. “A happy Soldier is a good Soldier. Having this resource available relieves so much stress in a time of need.”

“This is a great example of Soldiers helping each other,” Kidd said. “Every once in a while everyone needs assistance. This is us taking care of our own.”

Practice Safe Biking... Always Wear a Helmet!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

# Becoming a servant

**Chaplain (Capt.) Guenter D. Nyanankpe**  
Special to The Frontline

I recently saw the movie, "The Passion of The Christ" with my two daughters. After the movie, my daughter Gail thoughtfully mentioned that taking communion the next day would have greater significance than before. From the example of "The Christ" in the movie, I pondered three requirements of becoming a servant.

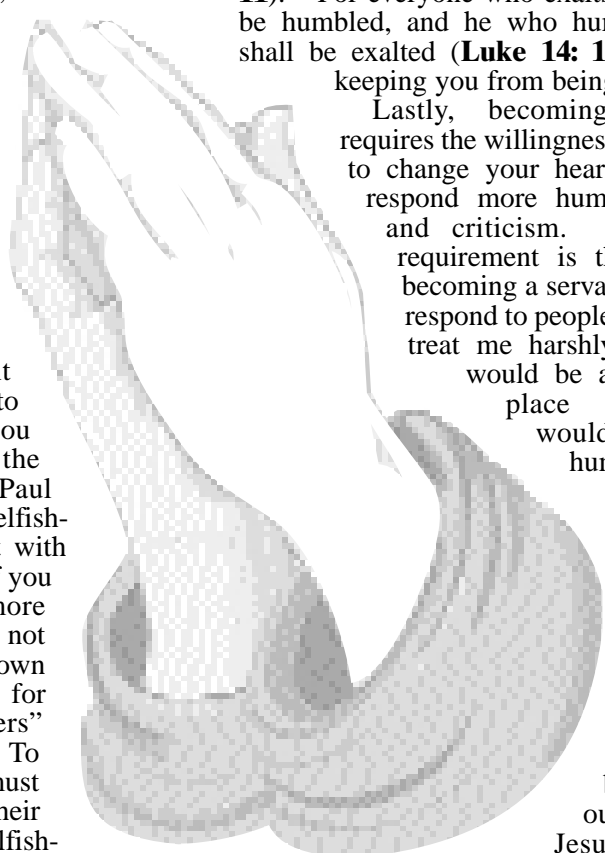
Becoming a servant requires the willingness to consider others before you consider yourself. To the Philippians the apostle Paul writes: "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4). To become a servant, one must allow God to transform their focus until all manner of selfishness are gone and the interests of others take hold. This is the demonstration of true love.

Secondly, becoming a servant requires the willingness to take the lower place. Our society of capitalism is centered on Me, Myself, and I. To be a servant, one must be able to accept the lower position. The parable of the

Lord Jesus Christ in the gospel of Luke teaches that we should take the last place so that we might be elevated to a higher place rather than being humbled to a lower place (Luke 14:7-11). "For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted (Luke 14: 11)." Is pride keeping you from being a servant?

Lastly, becoming a servant requires the willingness to allow God to change your heart so that you respond more humbly to praise and criticism. Perhaps this requirement is the hardest in becoming a servant. How can I respond to people who hate and treat me harshly? Our world would be a much better place if everyone would respond humbly to criticism. The response of The Lord Jesus Christ is the reverse of our natural reaction to love our neighbors and hate our enemies. Jesus taught us: "... love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44)".

During this Easter, I urge you to honor the suffering of our Lord by being willing to become a servant. We can demonstrate our appreciation of "The Christ" by becoming a servant in serving Him.



## Pet of the Week

Dutchess is an 18-month-old female Daschund and chihuahua mix. She is spayed, gets along with other dogs, and is very sweet and energetic.

If you are interested in adopting a pet like Dutchess who needs a good home, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842. The clinic is located on W. Bultman Avenue.

# Worship Opportunities

## Fort Stewart

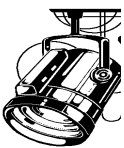
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Victory	5 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Protestant Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.
American Samoan		
Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
Muslim		
Friday Jum'ah	Building 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Building 9182	5:30 a.m.
Lutheran		
Sunday Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Jewish		
Friday Services	Marne	6 p.m.

## Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant		
Protestant Sunday School	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Religious Education Center	9:30 a.m.
CCD	Religious Education Center	11 a.m.



# Volunteer Spotlight



Dollie L. Jones



Dollie L. Jones, a native of Asheville, N.C., is a Red Cross volunteer at Winn Army Community Hospital. She volunteers as an administrative assistant in the Human Resources Division and in the Patient Administration Division. Jones said she volunteers “to learn more about the field of human resources and to put my time to good use.” In her free time, Jones enjoys reading, playing basketball and spending time with her family. Jones and her husband Michael have two daughters, 14-year-old Ashley and 10-year-old Chelsea. For more information about becoming an Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903 or send an email to [Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil](mailto:Brigitte.Roberts@se.amedd.army.mil).



# WOODRUFF THEATER

March 18 - March 24



Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
General admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.  
\$1 Showings Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

## Calendar Girls (PG-13)

Starring: Julie Waters, Helen Mirren  
Today at 7 p.m.  
This film tells the true (but slightly fictionalized) story of 11 middle-aged women from Yorkshire, England who posed naked for the annual calendar of the Women's Institute, to raise money for medical research.  
Run time: 108 minutes

## Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13)

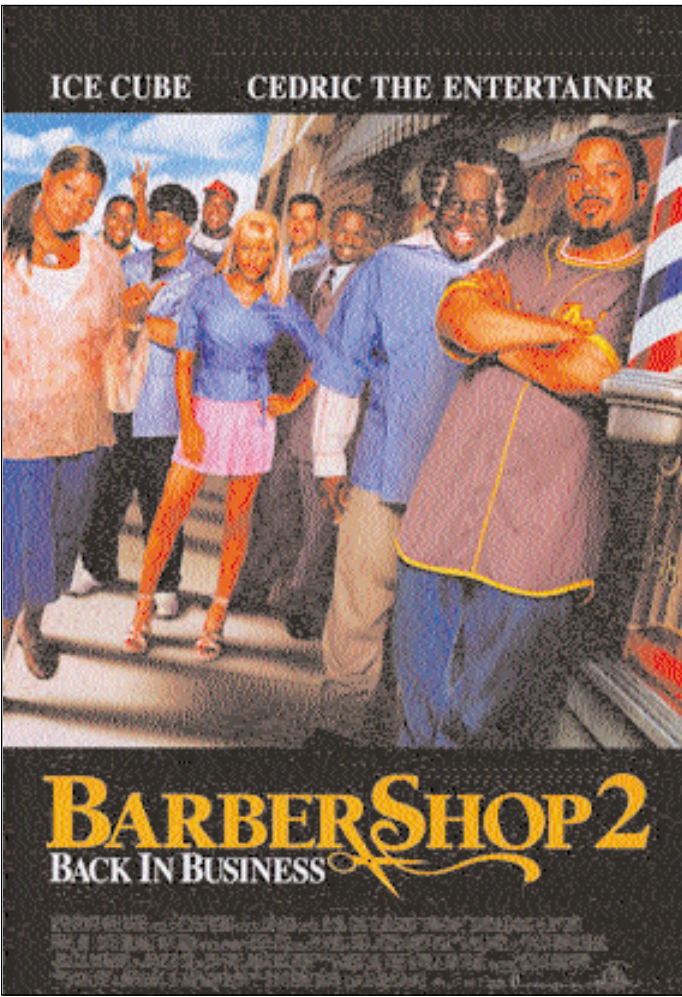
Starring: Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.  
On the South side of Chicago, Calvin is again struggling to keep his father's shop and traditions alive.  
Run time: 106 minutes

## Win a Date with Tad Hamilton (PG-13)

Starring: Kate Bosworth, Topher Grace  
Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.  
Rosie heads to Hollywood when she wins a dream date with Tinseltown's hottest bachelor, Tad Hamilton. Tad decides to move to West Virginia and Rosie's dream comes true.  
Run time: 96 minutes

## You Got Served (PG-13)

Starring:Amari Grandberry,Marques Houston  
Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
This hip-hop comedy explores the social subculture of street dancing, focusing on a pair of friends, David and Elgin, who want to open their own hip-hop dance and recording studio.  
Run time: 93 minutes



# Birth announcements

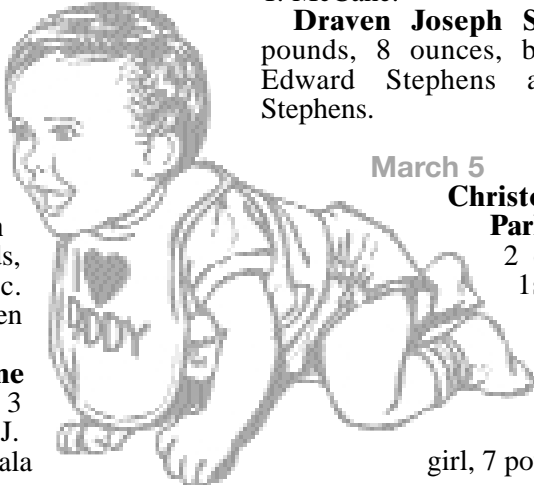
**February 24**  
**Draven Mark Criswell**, a boy, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Jimmy C. Criswell Jr., and India T. Logan.

**February 29**  
**Alana LaKea Jane Golden**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Sanchess Tomeka Golden.

**March 1**  
**Justin Karl Cardoza**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Christopher Cardoza and Sgt. Synatra Otasia Cardoza.  
**Kyra Heaven Parker**, a girl, 7 pound, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. Randall Parker Jr., and Mavis N. Parker.

**March 2**  
**Morgan Lynn Harker**, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, Staff Sgt. Pete Harker and Kris Harker.

**March 4**  
**William Joseph Wallace**, a boy, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Spc. Matthew Wallace and Ellen Wallace.  
**Alton Jerome McCane IV**, a boy, 2 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Alton J. McCane III and Spc. Mikala



T. McCane.  
**Draven Joseph Stephens**, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Joseph Edward Stephens and Jessica Marie Stephens.

**March 5**  
**Christopher Alexander Parker**, a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class James Anthony Parker and Kimberly Susan Parker.  
**Halia Shellby Dolores Shears**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born

to Sgt. Mark I. Shears and Shannon S. Shears.

**March 8**  
**Christipher Drake Kendall**, a boy, 8 pounds, born to Spc. Scott Robert Kendall and Stephanie Lynn Kendall.

**March 9**  
**Anthony George Gordon Bunnell**, a boy, 9 pounds, born to Spc. Alan Bunnell and Rebecca E. Alan.

**March 10**  
**Sonya Erin Murphy**, a girl, 6 pounds, born to Pfc. Darrell Murphy and Bridget Murphy.